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Mr. Bossie goes to Washington

Opportunity Maine hits D.C.

JOEL C. THERIAULT

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

At a press conference held at the Abromson Community Education Center on January 16, Student Body President Andrew Bossie said, "When I walk across the stage at graduation (this spring), I'll be receiving more than just my diploma. On the other side of the stage, I'll be faced with more than \$27,000 in student debt." Bossie, a political science major and a Caribou native, is the first in his family to graduate college with a bachelor's degree.

The conference was an announcement of The College Student Relief Act, introduced by the Democrats and passed through the House of Representatives on Jan. 17. Congress will review the bill later this spring.

Rep. Tom Allen, D-Maine, opened the press conference with an explanation of the bill. "The bill slashes the interest rates on federally subsidized Stafford loans in half over five years," said Allen. "It will save the average Maine college student that starts school next fall \$2170 over the life

of his or her loan, and Maine students and national students starting college in 2011 will save \$4200 over the life of their loan." Over 21,000 Maine students currently hold Stafford loans.

"When the Pell Grant was created 30 years ago," said Allen, "the maximum award covered three-quarters of the cost of the average public university. Today, the purchasing power of the Pell Grant has eroded so much that the maximum award covers only one-third of the cost." The House voted 286-140 in favor of the Continuing Appropriations Resolution last Wednesday. Chapter 6, Section 20633 (b) of the resolution increased the annual amount of the grant by \$260 to \$4,310, the first increase since 2002.

This was Bossie's second press conference about The College Student Relief Act in less than a week. On Jan. 11, he and Anna Korsen, a third-year sociology major and vice-president of Students for MainePIRG, were invited to Washington, D.C., for the national announcement of the bill. Bossie opened the press conference that included speakers Senator Ted Kennedy, D-Mass,



Student Body President Andrew Bossie opens a press conference in Washington, D.C., on January 11. USSA President Jennifer Pae and Senator Ted Kennedy look on.

and Jennifer Pae, the president of the United States Student Association (USSA), the largest student-run advocacy organization in the country. Bossie's pursuit for lower-cost higher education continues with Opportunity

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Maine begins search for new chancellor

USM's Pattenauade considered for the top position

LESKA TOMASH

STAFF WRITER

The University of Maine System (UMS) is looking for a new chancellor, a rigorous process involving a search for the most qualified candidate to run the entire system. One of the three candidates is USM's President Richard Pattenauade.

"I'm very honored to be a candidate," said Pattenauade. "It is a bittersweet moment because I love USM." If selected as chancellor, Pattenauade would no longer hold the position of USM's president. The chosen candidate will begin the chancellor's position on July 1.

Margaret Weston, chair of the UMS Board of Trustees (BOT) and the search committee, is pleased with the three candidates. She said, "All three have the right combination of higher education experience, administrative and leadership skills and organizational vision."

After Chancellor James Westfall left the position last spring, former Chancellor Terrence J. MacTaggart temporarily took it for one year.



From left, UMS candidates for chancellor, James Applegate, Richard Rattanaude and Warren Fox

That year is up, and the UMaine system is looking for their next leader.

Pattenauade has been president of USM and a professor of political science since 1991.

Warren Fox, one of the other candidates, is the executive director of United Arab Emirates' (UAE) Office of Higher Education, Policy and Planning for the Ministry of Higher Education and the Scientific Research department. He and his family have been living in the UAE and said he looks forward to returning to the United States.

Fox said, "I think Maine has a very good system of higher education, about to get better, (and) I want to help it get better."

Vice President of Academic Affairs James Applegate, from the University of Kentucky, is also a candidate. He is a Senior Fellow at the Council on Postsecondary Education in Frankfort. He said he is concerned with making higher education available to all in the state of Maine. "Access has always been huge for me," he said.

Weston said, "When you're lucky enough to have three very qualified candidates, that's a

good position to be in. Not easy but good."

Brian Clark, graduate student representative to the BOT and a member of the search committee, agreed that all three candidates are qualified. "It's an incredible experience to participate and to get to meet all the candidates," he said.

A panel consisting of BOT members and student representatives held public and private interview sessions over the last two weeks. The public sessions were made available online through Polycom.

Weston said the search commit-

tee is pleased to have Pattenauade as one of the final candidates. She said, "I think we're very fortunate that we have somebody internally as qualified as we do, somebody who can be running against some of the best people in the country."

USM faculty and students seem supportive of Pattenauade while realizing that each candidate brings a unique experience to the table.

Student Senate Chair James McKeon said, "Warren Fox seemed to have more experience with the Chancellor position... James Applegate...has a real good concept of economic value in higher education."

McKeon has worked with Pattenauade in the past and feels he is an excellent candidate as well. "He already really has a grasp for it. I feel he can hit the ground running." McKeon felt fortunate to be the only student invited to the closed sessions.

Marie Follayttar, an art major and the undergraduate representative to the Board of Trustees, echoed McKeon's comments and added

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January 26

All boozed up again — 12:44 a.m. An intoxicated person was reported in the lobby of Upton Hastings Hall. RA's handled the situation and the student was referred to Community Standards.

Cheech and chong — 3:16 a.m. Someone smelled marijuana in Upton Hastings Hall. Four subjects were identified and will be referred to Community Standards.

This seat's taken — 10:05 a.m. A threatening note was placed on someone's car at Portland Hall. The suspect's vehicle was parked in the victim's parking spot. The case is under investigation.

Lay off the booze, people — 6:19 p.m. Someone reported smoke coming from a vehicle at Portland Hall but the cause was found to be steam from the laundry room.

Black listed — 6:31 p.m. The RA at Upton Hastings Hall reported an individual who is on the criminal trespass list trying to get into the building. The subject was gone when the officer arrived and the case was referred to Community Standards.

Crime of the Week

Get the police involved, now — 2:06 a.m. The front desk staff at Dickey Wood Hall called USM Police when two males signed in at the desk but the person who they were going to visit did not show up. The subjects were standing in front of the building. When officers checked, they were very cooperative and said they were waiting for a ride downtown.

January 28

Shaw's would have paid you — 10:48 a.m. Custodians reported a large amount of bottles smashed on the sidewalk outside of Philippi Hall.

Keep on knocking but you can't come in — 7:20 p.m. There was a complaint of marijuana odor in Dickey Wood Hall. The officer responded but was unable to detect odor and the room of the complaint was unoccupied.

January 29

Shut it — 5:26 p.m. Someone opened an alarm door, sounding the alarm. The officer secured the door and reset the alarm.

Compiled by The Free Press staff

Take a class in bed

USM offers more online classes

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SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Bob Hansen, the associate provost of University Outreach, is on the case when it comes to the student retention problem at USM. The University Outreach program oversees off-campus, weekend and distance education programs. Hansen said a major online course initiative has been started to improve USM's program, adding that students may find it simpler to finish their degree by enrolling in online classes.

"What I'm trying to do is help students complete their education through some combination of off-campus learning, weekend courses and distance education," said Hansen. He added that "a more rational schedule for programs" is being designed to meet the needs of off-campus and online students.

The Center for Technology-Enhanced Learning (C-TEL) is an advisory council "for current distance ed instructors or those who wish to develop online courses," said Hansen, adding that USM's online education program is behind

most other universities, fifth out of seven in the UMaine System, but growing.

In a follow-up interview, Hansen said, "If people come to us to complete their degrees in a format that fits with their nine-to-five schedule, they're going to be disappointed." Hansen said that most degree programs do not offer their class requirements at a time students can work around, and a drop in face-to-face admissions is due to an increase in online education programs.

"It's not unique to USM and it's not surprising," said Hansen. "This is happening all over the country."

Visiting Scholar Ray Schroeder has been recruited by the outreach program to further develop online course instruction for USM. Schroeder is University of Illinois' (UIS) professor emeritus of communication and director of the Office of Technology-Enhanced Learning.

"Much like the USM campus, our Springfield campus at the University of Illinois has experienced a decrease in enrollments

among our traditional base of students commuting to the campus," said Schroeder in an e-mail interview. "This is a nation-wide phenomenon as (non-traditional) students turn to online alternatives to fit their busy schedules."

"Also like Maine," he continued, "the enrollment in Illinois high schools has stagnated and is expected to drop, providing a smaller pool of traditional-aged freshmen."

"Many of our (UIS) on-ground, as opposed to online, students take some online classes to solve scheduling conflicts, thereby making more rapid progress toward the degree," he said. "Nearly half of our students (46%) this semester are taking at least one online class. It is this flexibility that helps us to retain students and assist them in completing their degrees on time."

Schroeder is involved with other universities' online programs across the country, but will return to Maine on Feb. 26, to conduct a series of faculty workshops on Quality in Online Learning. The workshops will be held on all three of USM's campuses.

Chancellor,

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that she has found Pattenau to be approachable and warm. "I've seen a man who's enormously accessible," Follayttar said. "He is very involved in the university climate."

Eileen Eagan, associate professor of history and secretary of the USM chapter of the Faculty Union, said, "Although I often disagree with President Pattenau about specific issues, he generally does seem to make an effort to listen to people. When push comes to shove, he's willing to do the right thing."

Pattenau said he is at ease about people having different opinions from him. He said, "I'm always comfortable when people disagree with me, because I recognize they're sincere, and want to tell me something."

"The more you listen to people, the better decisions you make," he added. "It's an exciting challenge and I've got my fingers crossed."

Weston said the new chancellor of the UMaine system would be announced early this week.

Gun laws evoke discussion at USM

A Maine woman documents her struggle for a change

CHARLIE NICKELL

STAFF WRITER

Cathy Crowley's son, Larry, killed himself in 2004 with a rifle he purchased that day from the Auburn Wal-Mart. Feeling desperate, Cathy soon returned to the Wal-Mart and confronted the salesman responsible for selling Larry the gun. Wal-Mart staff explained to Crowley that what they were within the law, and if she wished to change the policy, she needed to contact her state legislators.

Since that day, she has been on a mission to revise Maine's lenient gun laws that allow anyone over 18 to purchase rifles and shotguns. Crowley believes that if her 18-year-old son Larry was required to wait 10 days before purchasing the gun, his impulse to commit suicide would have subsided.

The film *There Ought To Be A Law* was shown to a packed room in Luther Bonney's Gerald E. Talbot Lecture Hall last Monday night. The film documents Crowley's struggle to pass new legislation in

Maine requiring a 10 day-waiting period for the purchase of firearms. The event was free to the public and sponsored by the USM departments of Communication and Media Studies, Social Work, Women's Studies, Sociology and the Center for the Study of Lives.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for youths ages 15 to 24 in Maine. Firearms are used in six out of 10 suicides, with Maine gun ownership near the highest in the U.S. per capita. Maine also has some of the weakest gun laws in the nation; not requiring licensing, registration, background checks or waiting periods. Supporters of the new legislation assert that the legal age to purchase alcohol is 21, while the legal age to purchase rifles and shotguns is 18.

Crowley's bill, LD-310, sponsored by Rep. Margaret Craven, D-Lewiston, failed to pass on the floor of the state house, after confronting an enormous amount of opposition from the National Rifle Association and Sportsman's Alliance of Maine. Opponents of the bill say that the waiting

period restriction would rob them of their unalienable right to bear arms, as specified in the Second Amendment to the Constitution. While many may agree that a waiting period for gun ownership would not affect responsible gun consumers, the lobbying power of the NRA and SAM prevent any new laws changing the current regulations.

Following the film, a discussion was moderated by Michael Brennan of the Muskie Institute, and included Crowley and Sen. Ethan Strimling of Portland. Members of the audience voiced their support for her effort and many voiced feeling compelled to join her in her mission. Crowley

said she was very optimistic about achieving her goal and that she would continue fighting until new laws are established.

There Ought To Be A Law provides a direct view of the process necessary to create change in state government. Although the main point of the film is to encourage people to support new gun legislation, it also serves as a lesson on how to become involved in government. Crowley has not given up hope and is currently lobbying revised bill, LD-361.

For more information, check out the film's website:

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News briefs

LOCAL — Coast Guard ends search for missing boat

CAPE ELIZABETH—A 52-foot boat from Newburyport, MA called Lady Luck had the Coast Guard conducting a frantic search. The vessel issued a distress signal at 2 a.m. last Thursday. Coast Guard officers broadcasted the alert to other boats close by and searched the area by jet and helicopter. The distress signal originated 12 miles off the coast of Cape Elizabeth. Oil and debris were discovered at the site by air crews in a life boat, but the source of the oil and debris is not yet known. Coast Guard officials called off the search around 11:00 p.m. last Friday.

State — High school basketball coach fired for telling players to check their manhood

LEEDS—Mike Remillard, basketball coach for Leavitt Area High School, was fired after a game on Jan. 23 against Mount Ararat when he told his team to “check their manhood” and that the game “was about who had the biggest penis in town.” He told the players to reach into their pants and check on their personal situation of manhood. Only one young man refused to follow the instructions. In a statement to the Sun Journal Remillard said that this is “normal locker room banter from Fort Kent, Maine, to San Diego, California.” But he also admits that it was not appropriate. “I accept my responsibility, and I’m being accountable.” A statement released by the school last Friday reported that this is Remillard’s third reprimand.

Nation — Cartoons create havoc, art student arrested

BOSTON, MA—Boston Police arrested Peter Berdvosky in connection with “hoax devices” that had emergency bomb units working all day last Wednesday. The devices were actually part of a marketing campaign to promote a new movie that will be coming out next month based on the popular TV show, “Aqua Teen Hunger Force,” which airs as part of Cartoon Network’s Adult Swim. The pseudo-bombs were in fact lights in the shape of one of the show’s characters, a “mooninite.”

Berdvosky is an exchange student from Belarus who is studying at the Massachusetts College of Art and agreed to help with the artwork involved in the marketing of the movie.

World — France threatens U.S. with environmental tax

PARIS, FRANCE—French President Jacques Chirac said that the European Union would impose taxes on American goods if the United States did not sign the Kyoto climate protocol to help the efforts to control global warming. Some lawyers question the legality of such a carbon tax as they say it would go against international trade rules. But Chirac said, “I believe we will have all of the European Union (backing the tax).” Scientists from around the world met in Paris last week to create an international report on climate change.

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Opportunity Maine,

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Maine, a citizen’s initiative spearheaded by Bossie, Students for MainePIRG, and the League of Young Voters. This initiative would introduce a bill that gives tax breaks on student loan repayments if a student graduates a Maine institution and works in the state for five years afterward.

In order for Opportunity Maine to be considered for legislation, a total of 55,082 voter signatures needed to be collected before mid-January. Last Thursday, the Opportunity Maine group drove to Augusta with over 71,000 signatures collected by more than 400 volunteers from all corners of the state.

Alec Maybardek, field director for the League of Young Voters, said during an interview, “This is the largest task we’ve ever taken on before.” Many volunteers, including Maybardek and Bossie, worked into the night and often around the clock to campaign Opportunity Maine. Maybardek is transferring to USM from Bates in the near future to finish his degree in social and political theory.

Some of the signatures were deemed invalid shortly after they were submitted. The Secretary of State’s office has recorded that 63,235 signatures were submitted. The Secretary of State has 30 days to report the number of valid signatures and whether or not the initiative will be considered a bill for this coming November elections.

Opportunity Maine’s exact wording reads, “Do you want to allow a tax credit for college loan repayments to any taxpayer who earns a future college degree in Maine and continues to live and work in Maine?”

Senator Susan Collins, R-Maine, has also thrown her hat into the student debt relief ring. According to her press secretary, Kevin Kelley, Collins will introduce her own bill to increase the Pell grant award. “Senator Collins believes an increase in the maximum Pell Grant award is long overdue,” Kelley said in an e-mail. “That is why she is working on legislation that will propose a significant increase in the maximum award.” Her bill will also intro-

duce tax credits on student loan interest repayments.

Collins had previously attempted a similar bill, co-sponsored by Kennedy. A tie-vote by Congress defeated the bill. Collins is expected to introduce the bill later this week. No further details were available from Kelley.

DID YOU KNOW?

The popular college student site “Facebook.com” hosts a group members can join called the National Campaign To Make College Affordable. This group was created two days before Democrats introduced The College Student Relief Act to the House of Representatives, in an effort to obtain as many members as possible and present students’ support for lower-cost education results to the Democrats. The group collected over 35,000 members in two days.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Brother, can you spare a dime?

I'm pulling up to the red light on Forest Avenue and State Street I encounter every day on the way to class. Just two more, and I'll be at USM. But this one lasts forever.

I know not to get into the right lane. Usually, someone's standing on the curb just to the right of the light. It's not the same person every day, but there's generally someone using this site as a venue. Today he looks cold. The time and temperature building shows 8 degrees. His face is red and wind-chapped. His fingers are black around the nails. He holds a cardboard sign. On it scribbled in dark ink: "homeless, please help, God bless."

The car in front of me is inching forward until its bumper is kissing the next. They don't want any part of this. Already, someone impulsively hit the automatic locks.

I always hate to be the car that gets the spot in line parallel to this person. It's awkward. I'd rather pull into the left lane and pretend that I can't see him.

My best friend, Paula, gives anyone holding a cup \$20. When we drive to Boston she's broke before we get to a bar. But I've never been that extreme.

The guy holding the sign is about six feet from my passenger window,

just standing there. He doesn't stare at me, just straight ahead. He's frozen in place, except for the cigarette and its smoke rolling from his mouth.

I wish the light would hurry up and turn green. It's certainly more convenient to keep moving forward and leave my social responsibilities at the stop light. But I'm stuck here. I sit; thinking, debating my ethics. Do I help out a man in need? Will a dollar get him what he needs?

I'm conflicted about what to do.

The compassionate side of me says, give the man a dollar. He's standing in the frigid air in a humiliating situation, begging for money from the river of cars spilling down State Street in waves.

Any sense of dignity he may have once known is surely vanished and gone. I can't imagine that watching people sit in a in a virtual incubator six feet from you and not acknowledging your existence does much for the self-image. This man is feeling desperate.

Still, even if giving him a buck makes him happy for now, or the next five minutes while he chugs a Budweiser, I know it's not solving any of society's long-term problems.

So what is the right thing to do?

Once, I asked the Portland Police Department. An officer told me to drive by and ignore them. He knew the spot. He said that beggars can make a pretty good buck and many of them are alcoholics and drug addicts.

According to him, I'm only fueling the fire.

In Portland, panhandling is not a crime, but a city ordinance gives police the authority to move solicitors along. They can be arrested if they block traffic or become aggressive with drivers.

He's got shelters to go to, I say out loud. I can't save him myself.

The light turns green. I twist my car around a bend in the road and breathe a sigh of relief that my ethics check has come to a forced finish.

But he's still in my rearview mirror. Standing there, holding his sign. Hoping someone in the next round of stopped cars will take pity on him and throw him a buck or two.



More parking equals less park

Dear Editor,

I have learned that, due to a housing development planned for the corner of High and Danforth Streets (please note, I support that proposal), the University of Southern Maine is planning to turn the green area attached to its 68 High Street building into a parking lot for its Center for Real Estate, to make up for the parking that would be displaced by the housing project. As someone who uses this green area frequently (through the generosity of USM), I think this action would be a tragedy for both the neighborhood and the city. I am aware that the university owns the property and has the right to do with it what it wants.

I am also aware of the severe lack of parking in downtown Portland — I myself do not have a designated parking space at my living or working spaces in downtown Portland. On the other hand, Portland is a city in flux, and every development decision, however trifling it may seem now, will have consequences far into the future. That is why I hope you reconsider this matter. Increasingly, precious urban green space is sacrificed for the development of office buildings, housing and parking. We are all familiar with the most tragic example of mistaken redevelopment in Portland's history — the short-sighted demolition of Union Station.

At times, however, the pendulum has swung in the opposite direction: imagine what a dreary site Post Office Park in the Old Port would be, had the City's plan for a parking lot in that space gone forward. Rather than a scenic, picturesque oasis frequented by tourists, performers, office workers and others, that space would have become a loathed concrete parking lot.

I am sure that, despite the loss of parking, the Old Port business owners would far prefer the current pedestrian congregation to a barren field of cars. The same situation stands before the University of Southern Maine now. Will this historic green area — which is bordered by spectacular pine trees and provides an essential open space in a neighborhood with very few green areas — be sacrificed for a few yards of concrete? Are those potential parking spaces more vital to the neighborhood, the city and the University of Southern Maine than this precious green jewel within the urban grid? Once gone, it will likely be gone forever. It is my hope that the leaders of the University of Southern Maine have the foresight and the nobility to choose beauty and life over ugliness and death in a crucial part of our esteemed city.

Annie Wadleigh '86

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What about us?

Dear Editor,

I am a junior here at USM, and an avid reader of your newspaper. I particularly enjoy your sports section, namely, the entire back page of your paper. But today I picked up a copy which boasted to hold "My Winter Sports Review" in it. I happily read about the basketball and hockey teams, and even the wrestlers. But suddenly, the sports section was over and one of the major winter sports was entirely ignored. Indoor Track.

I'm not sure why, but evidently your sports writers decided to skip the part of the field house that houses the most expensively surfaced tracks in New England and on which one of the most

successful indoor track teams in USM history practices on daily.

Only five meets into the season the men's indoor track team has already had one individual (Curtis Wheeler) qualify for nationals in the 5000 meters with his twin brother only about 15 seconds behind him. Not to mention Chris Hopkins, who's outdoor track season last year placed him 3rd at Division III New Englands and only seconds away from going to Nationals in the 1500 meters. You don't think he's given up the hunt for that do you? With a young but talented crop of freshman and a strong upperclassman base the men's team is in the running to win the LEC Championships

in two weeks time at Tufts University's track.

Also practicing on that track is the women's team, coached by George Towle. They too are preparing for a fantastic season with a talented field of jumpers, sprinters and throwers.

I do not know what happened, but I am quite unimpressed with the Free Press at this point in time, something that does not happen often with this publication. Will this happen during the spring too? Will baseball, tennis and lacrosse suck up all the ink at the expense of outdoor track?

Forrest Tobie
Junior

A disease called fear

Dear Editor,

In the better part of three years I have been attending the University of Southern Maine, I have never had an occasion to be embarrassed of my northern Massachusetts roots. I was born in a town not too far from Boston, what I consider one of the best cities in the United States. Well, looks like I have found a reason to be embarrassed.

Like a kid who finds out there is no Santa or that his or her dad can't beat up everyone else's dad, my faith in Boston has been shaken. I am of course talking about the extreme over-reaction on the part of state and local law enforcement to the guerrilla-advertising LED devices depicting the characters Ignignokt and Err from the late night cult hit cartoon "Aqua Teen Hunger Force".

When I first heard that Boston was in the grips of a major bomb scare, with reports of "suspicious devices with wires and lights" being reported all over the area, it seemed a real cause for concern. After bomb squads removed and indeed

blew up a number of these devices, someone who recognized the characters on the devices finally put an end to the madness. Later, Turner Broadcasting, the parent company of the Cartoon Network which airs ATHF, issued an apology and explained to state officials what it was they were chasing after: a bunch of light-bright displays with cartoons on them.

So what does this event tell us? America is sick with a disease called fear. Elected officials seeking to keep their offices have pushed fear of terrorist attacks so far into the public psyche that a bunch of harmless cartoon characters (yet if you're a fan of the show, like I am, you know their superior moon intellect and advanced technology would suggest otherwise) were able to bring a major US city to its knees for a day. What happened to the fearless resolve of America?

Has everyone forgotten the words of Franklin Roosevelt, "the only thing we have to fear, is fear itself"?

In total, 10 cities across the country were "targeted" for the same advertising

campaign, and only one reacted in such a heavy handed manner. Perhaps this can be attributed to a serious generation gap, as was reported by staff writers of the Boston Globe (see article on front page of Feb 1 issue). Government officials and the media are coming down hard on the would-be terrorists who perpetrated the hoax (I'm using their language not mine), when every person whom the ads were meant for understood exactly what they were. The ads have been up for two to three weeks, and people have spotted them and even posted on their online blogs about them. But once someone who didn't get the joke saw them, they were seen as a threat because the images had an "angry face."

Boston mayor Thomas Menino and Governor Deval Patrick were quick to vilify those who placed the devices, when really they should just be embarrassed that they initiated a completely overzealous response to an imagined threat.

AJ Chalifour
Political Science and History Major

CULTURE BEAT

New comparisons to an old speech

GERMAINE KAPENA

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The sound of Native American drumming by the members of the One Nation, the Native American Student Association greeted the audience as they found their seats under the picture of a thoughtful Dr. King projected on the screen.

The Hannaford Hall at the Abromson Community Center in Portland was the site for a community celebration to honor civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. last Thursday.

The gathering organized by the University of Southern Maine Multicultural Student Affairs was attended by close to 160 people. The theme of the evening event was Dr. King's famous speech "Beyond Vietnam," in which the civil rights leader spoke of the triple evils; poverty, racism and militarism (war) faced by the nation.

To many in the audience the similarities between the time when the speech was made, in 1967, and now were striking. With an unpopular war in Iraq, now in its third year and the presence of racism and poverty across the nation, most panelists agreed the speech could have been written about the present time as well.

"In preparing this presentation and reading Dr. King's speech, I find myself substituting the world Iraq for Vietnam," said Jack Bussell, a panelist and member of the Maine Veterans for Peace. "What was happening in Vietnam then is happening in Iraq today."

Others on the panel shared his views. They included Dawud Ummah, USM Muslim Chaplain and NAACP Religious Affairs Coordinator, and George Caffentzis, the interim director of the Honors Program



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Rebecca Hershey reading excerpts from MLK's "Beyond Vietnam" speech in Hannaford Hall at the Abromson Community Center last Thursday

and professor of philosophy.

Hailey Dyer, a student at USM said the ten-minute video of Dr. King's speech touched her deeply.

"Here is the true meaning and value of compassion and nonviolence when it helps us to see the enemy's point of view, to hear his questions, to know his assessment of ourselves. For from his

view we may indeed see the basic weaknesses of our own condition."

June D. McKenzie, a local community activist and a long-time NAACP member spoke of the need for the members of the community to think of themselves as members of the same family. She said that the United States government should stop telling other nations

how to live their lives. Her remarks were received well by the audience, a mixture of young students and community members.

During the evening, excerpts from the speech were read by Rebecca Hershey, president of the Black Law Student Association at the University of Maine Law School.

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The lighter side of opera

LESKA TOMASH

STAFF WRITER

If opera is not really your scene, this month's production, *Die Fledermaus*, might be more your speed. Johann Strauss' comedic operetta will be performed beginning February 10 when the University of Southern Maine School of Music teams up with the Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra for three unique performances.

An operetta differs from an opera in several ways. Associate Professor for the School of Music and director of this production, Ellen Chickering, said *Die Fledermaus* is an operetta because there is spoken dialogue in addition to the singing.

Sarah Mawn, 22, a first-year graduate student with a degree from USM, plays a lead role as Rosalinda for two of the three performances (the female leads are double-cast).

"An operetta is often comedic," said Mawn. "It's considered light opera, and it has a lighter storyline. The best thing about *Die Fledermaus* is it's a comedy and it is really funny. It's a very easy opera

for people who don't consider themselves opera lovers, because you don't have to be."

And for those whose German is a tad shaky, the production is sung and spoken in English. "So, you don't get that 'Oh my god I don't what's going on' factor," said Mawn with a laugh.

The rest of the cast- including a twelve-member chorus and multiple lead roles- are undergraduate music majors.

Lauren Onsrud, 20, is a vocal performance major with the role of Adele-- a servant to Rosalinda. "Opera isn't all about big, fat ladies standing around singing in foreign languages," said Onsrud.

The operetta is a semi-stage production. Chickering said that the orchestra will be on stage, and the cast will be in full-costume, but the set and the lighting will be very minimal.

USM's Professor Robert Lehmann conducts The Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra. He seems excited about the collaboration. "They sound great," said Lehmann.

Mawn agreed. "It makes it more real and exciting when...you get that full

sound," she said.

The plot is relatively straightforward but characters become entangled in a complex way. Gabriel Eisenstein enjoys keeping the ladies of a Viennese ballet troupe company, much to the chagrin of his wife, Rosalinda, who has a suitor of her own, Alfred. One night during a costume ball, Eisenstein becomes fascinated with an intriguing Hungarian Countess while Rosalinda plots her own revenge.

Performances will be held this month in Corthell Concert Hall on the USM Gorham campus. Times are Saturday, February 10 at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 14 at 7:30 p.m and Saturday, February 17 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for the general public; \$10 for seniors and staff; and \$5 for students. Call the Box Office for reservations at 780-5555.

Those needing special accommodations to participate fully in this program, contact Emmanuelle Chaulet at 780-5146. Hearing impaired: call USM's telex / TDD number 780-5646.

f*cked up lyric of the week: fergalicious

Have you ever taken the time to actually read some of the song lyrics that actually comprise the Billboard Top 20 list every week? Some of them are beyond bad; they're just absurd. Here is our pick for the most fucked up Billboard song of the week. They are best read aloud to a group.

Thanks Fergie, for making "Fergalicious."

You're ridiculous.



Artist: Fergie

Album: The Dutchess

Chart: #20 on the Billboard Top 100 Airplay charts last week.

"Fergalicious definition make them boys go loco

They want my treasure so they get their pleasures from my photo

you could see me, you can't squeeze me

I ain't easy, I ain't sleazy

I got reasons why I tease 'em

Boys just come and go like seasons."

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A LIST OF THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK INSTEAD OF STALKING EX-LOVERS ON myspace. GIVE UP. IT'S OVER.

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February 5

Hip Hop Open Mic / Featuring DJ Boondock and DJ Shade / The Big Easy / 8 p.m. / \$5 / 21+

Tues.

February 6

Pandora Get-together / The Space Gallery / 7 p.m. / Free / All ages

Wed.

February 7

"Comparing Childcare and Parental Leave Policies in Scandinavia and the United States," / Lecture by Professor Anita Nyberg / 7 - 8:30 p.m. / 7th floor University Events Room / Glickman Family Library, Portland / free and open to the public / 780-4289

Thurs.

February 8

"Purple Breasts," / A fictional account of a real woman's experiences with breast cancer / 7 p.m. / Abromson Community Education Center, Portland / \$15 general public, \$10 USM students, employees, and OLLI members / <http://www.usm.maine.edu/cce> or 780-5900

Fri.

February 9

Gallery Talk: John Brewster, Jr. - The Maine Connection / Portland Museum of Art / ASL interpreted / 6 p.m. / Free with admission

Sat.

February 10

'80s dance party with DJ Verbatim / Liquid Blue / 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. / \$3 / 21+

A little blues and all that jazz

Local artist worth checking out

ANGELIQUE CARSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

I walked into the Dogfish Bar and Grille, which used to be the Free Street Tavern, for dinner and drinks last Thursday night and was seated right across from the bar. Normally, I would have asked to change our table so we could avoid shouting to each other over martinis, but something about the performer's voice was inviting.

Leah Finkelstein is a Portland native with a music degree from Wheaton College. She's just now developing her career as a singer, though she's always been involved with music. Her mother was a jazz musician, and Finkelstein grew up watching mom play gigs and sometimes playing them with her. These early experiences with jazz and blues would later propel Finkelstein into a career, singing songs she remembers watching her mother perform years earlier.

She's no stranger to the Portland music scene, though she's just getting back in to the circuit after taking a break before her mother died of cancer in 2005. Playing gigs like Dogfish these days sounds like paradise compared with some of her stories of old.

"I've paid my dues, I've seen some fights," said Finkelstein. "I used to play at Angie's. I'd have people spilling beer on me and the keyboard, or a guy with one tooth asking me out. I've played a lot of those, but I had a great time."

It's clear that Finkelstein has rehearsed; her performance is comfortable. Her voice is deep, rich and raspy and she has control over it. She describes her genre as "adult contemporary fused with jazz and blues. Sort of like Carol King with jazz and blues roots." It's perfect music to listen to in a social setting because you can relax. She's got things under control up there on stage. Listening, you're never nervous that she's going to miss a note or try and hit one that's



PHOTO BY ANGELIQUE CARSON

Portland native Leah Finkelstein performing at the Dogfish Bar and Grill

out of reach. That's not to say that she doesn't have a wide vocal range, she does.

"My style has morphed as I've been able to figure out what my limitations are vocally and what I think works with the timbre that my voice has, a bluesy-raspy one," said Finkelstein. "I'm playing stuff that continues to showcase that element of my vocal styling."

She roped me in with, "Do you know what it means to miss New Orleans," by Harry Connick Jr. She does covers but they sound original because of the deep spin her voice adds to the track. Her style is slow and soulful and most of her set is infused with jazz and blues sounds.

"I try to do as many originals as possible," said Finkelstein, "but I like to play covers to set a sort of mood. Occasionally I'll throw a Van Morrison cover in there, it kind of snaps you back. But I do about 75-85 percent originals."

Finkelstein is in the process

of creating her first album, and will start recording in the studio in March. It's truly a grassroots production—her husband is an audio engineer and will produce it for her. She says the prices of studio time at \$100 an hour are way too expensive.

Finkelstein is optimistic about the near future, with reason. She offers a nice sound and an overall enjoyable performance. You should go check her out. She opens for Giraffe Attack at Brian Boru's on February 24, and plays at Dogfish Bar and Grille on Free Street every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. It's worth a listen.

As for Finkelstein's future?

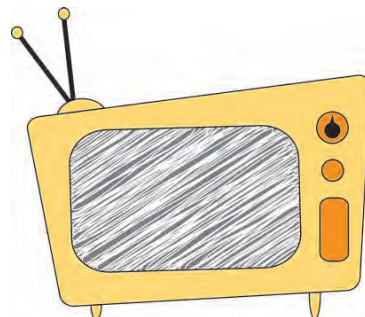
"Ideally, the plan has always been to take it as far as I can go and make a career out of it. Being a songwriter and being a performer and having that be my livelihood."

You can find her at: LeahFinkelstein.com and myspace.com/leahfinkelstein.

MEDIA WHORE

Hunger force forces a city to shut down

ALEX STEED
COLUMNIST



Last week, two men installed 38 "devices"; each one displayed of the Mooninite characters from Aqua Teen Hunger Force all over the Greater Boston area. The hoax was part of a marketing campaign for the television show. The "devices" resembled very closely Lite-Brite screens (scary). The campaign, which had been successfully run in Chicago and San Francisco beforehand-- successful meaning the cities did not crumble under the weight of paranoia-- shut down the city of Boston. Two men have been released on bond. They're being charged with staging a hoax, which is a felony.

Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley was quoted as saying that the devices (Lite-Brite screens with cartoon characters on them) "had a very sinister appearance." Turner Broadcasting apologized. Though they didn't say they were sorry that Boston took itself a little too seriously in their statement but considering how badly Boston handled every aspect of this case, this had to be what they were thinking.

This happening contains many troubling aspects. First, the men are charged with staging a hoax, which is preposterous. A hoax, defined as being a humorous or malicious deception, requires intention on the part of the perpetrators. The two artists involved were advertising for a television show, and the city responded to what they imagined was a threat. Where a hoax takes imputation and output, output was all that occurred. The term "hoax" wrongfully puts into the public's mind that these men intended to shut down the city.

Second, the enemy that the United States has convinced itself that it has—Islamic fundamentalists—has never appeared to have very complex senses of humor. As Harry Knowles published on his website, it was Americans who painted images of the Warner Bros. cartoon characters on the bombs, not al-Qaida. No stories ever surfaced about the 9/11 hijackers singing silly songs as they slashed the necks of airline pilots and crashed into the Twin Towers. Even our own homegrown terrorists like seemingly all-American Timothy McVeigh, haven't been known for their

love of laughter.

While I am not a fan of corporate guerilla marketing campaigns that co-opt street art in order to sell wares, Boston's reaction is also ultimately worrisome in the precedent these charges will mean for street artists. Globe columnist Adrian Walker implied that post-9/11 mentality has altered our sense of security, and this is the motivation on which public officials act. This is to say, then, that because we've pissed the world off and now we're scared of the world, a guerilla artist wheat-pasting posters to a wall (Banksy or Shepard Fairey for example)—reclaiming public space—is more likely to be held on felony counts.

So here we are, "post-9/11", where some cities' police officers are so frighteningly bad at crime-scene profiling that they confuse 80s toys featuring images of cartoon characters for weapons of mass destruction. In an effort to cover its embarrassment, the city has charged several artists disturbing the peace, crimes incongruent with their actions. Here we are, "post-9/11", where police precincts use public paranoia to crack down on public artists.

I wrote to the Globe last week to explain to them my distain. I tried to include aspects of everything I've mentioned in a short, easy to digest message to the Boston Globe. I hope Boston takes it into consideration:

Dearest City of Boston,

The United States angers the world so fiercely that we now worry about violent attacks on our own soil. Militants have spoken out against American hegemony and now we are afraid to have a sense of humor. The city of Boston is so agonized by fear that it kills its jesters when it looks like a fool for not getting their jokes. The charges against the guerilla artists must be dropped, fair city of Boston. You already look stupid enough.

Yours,
The Media Whore

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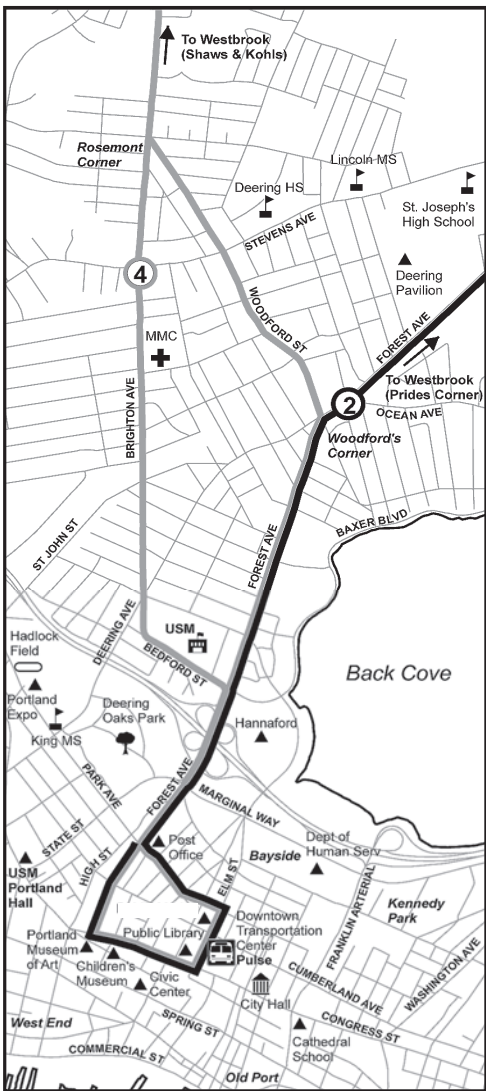
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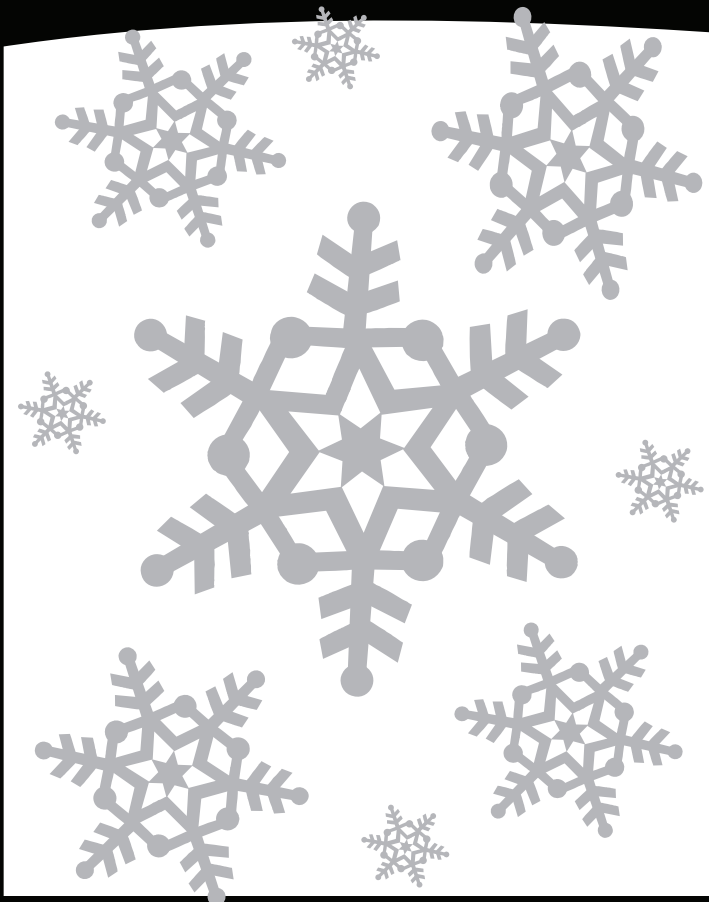
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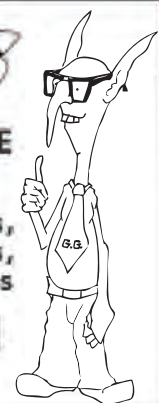
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Hitting a milestone



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Ashley Marble (left) with coach Gary Fifield (right)

Senior women's basketball forward Ashley Marble (Topsfield) recorded her 11th consecutive double-double scoring 14 points and a game-high 14 rebounds to lead the Huskies to a 70-57 win over the Husson College Eagles last Wednesday. Marble became the first women's basketball player at USM to reach the 1,000 points, 1,000-rebound milestone. The win was the 15th straight and 62nd consecutive on their home court. With the win, the Huskies improved to 18-1 overall. Marble is third in all-time points scored with 1703, and second in rebounds with 1005 at USM. Sue Joseph (1976-1980) holds first place for most rebounds with 1108. Maureen Burchill (1981-1985) holds the record for most career points with 2357, and Joanna Brown (1994-1998) follows in second with 1845. Marble already holds the record for most career free throws made, with 391. She joins former USM men's basketball players Tom Wheeler (1962-66), John Jordan (1977-81) and Fay Morrill (1970-74) who have also reached the 1,000 points, 1,000 rebounds mark.

Compiled by Ashley St. Michel

HUSKY HERO

HERO: CURTIS WHEELER
YEAR: JUNIOR
MAJOR: ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY
SPORT: INDOOR TRACK & FIELD
EVENTS: MIDDLE DISTANCE

How did you decide on USM?

Mostly because they had my major, but the Track and Field team was important too.

What is your favorite part about USM athletics?

The teammates are who really make it fun. I love practicing every day, but running 80 miles a week would get boring without cool people!

Aside from running, do you have any other hobbies?

Hunting and fishing a little, but that's about it.

Do you have any pre-run rituals?

Not really, you just go out there and race your hardest.

Do you have a personal hero?

I don't know, maybe Steve Prefontaine. *

Who do you give thanks to?

My parents definitely, they travel four hours to come to every meet.

*Steve Prefontaine was an internationally acclaimed track star that lived and raced from 1951 to 1975. In his 24-year lifespan Prefontaine strived to be the best in his field.

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Up and running

Wheeler breaks 3,000 meters record

Ashley St. Michel

Sports Editor

The men’s indoor track and field team specializes in breaking records. The New England Alliance Champions for five years, the Huskies had many athletes who broke numerous records last season.

Derek Murchie hit the 200 meters record at the NEIcAAA’s at Boston University. At that same meet, Jimmy Sawyer took the 400 meters. Other indoor track and field athletes who broke records last season were: Mike Bunker in the 5,000 meters, Merchie, Greg Cannon, Forrest Tobie and Jimmy Sawyer for the 4 x 400 meter relays, and Curtis Wheeler, Tobie, Sawyer and Chris Hopkins for the Distance Medley Relay.

Hopkins also holds the record at 800 and 1500 meters. He took the Division 3 All-New England and All-ECAC honors last season, both for the mile. Hopkins also took second in the mile at the state championships last season. In addition, he posted season-best times in the 800 meters and the mile at the New England Division 3 Championships.

Sawyer took provisionally qualifying honors for the NCAA indoor championship in the 400 meters and set the school record in the event on three difference occasions. He was honored with All-LEC in the 200 and 400 meters, All-New England Alliance in the 200 and 400 meters and 4 x 400 relays, Division 3 All-New England in the 200 and 400 meters and All-ECAC in the 400 meters and the Distance Medley Relay.

Tobie won two races last winter in the 800 meters. He was honored with All-Little East in the 800 meters, All-New England Alliance in the 800 meters and the 4 x 400 relay and All-ECAC in the Distance Medley Relay.

HUSKIES FINISH FOURTH, WHEELER SETS RECORD

1/14 – The Huskies placed fourth and set a school record at the Bowdoin College Invitational.



PHOTO BY ASHLEY ST.MICHEL

Twin brothers Curtis and Nick Wheeler can’t be stopped this indoor track and field season

USM finished the meet with 59 points, 15 points behind third place Colby College with 74 points. Brandeis University won the meet with 106 points, while Bowdoin finished in second place with 85 points. Junior Curtis Wheeler (Derby, VT) set a new school record in the 3,000 meters with his second place finish in a time of 8:34.67. Wheeler’s time broke the old record of 8:36.14 set by Mike Bunker at the NEIcAAA Championships in February 2005. Sophomore Jimmy Sawyer (Gorham) also had a first place finish in the 400 meters with his time of 51.29 seconds. Also taking first place finishes were freshman Jeremy Curran (Lamoine) in the pole vault with a height of 12-6 and sophomore James Spaulding (Lewiston) who took the shot put with a throw of 12.75 meters.

HUSKIES GRAB FIFTH AS THREE CLAIM VICTORIES

1/20 – The Huskies placed fifth among nine schools competing in the Reggie Poyau Invitational meet. The Huskies earned 68 points during the meet. Rounding out the top four were Bowdoin College with 124 points, New York University and Brandeis with 92 points and Worcester Polytechnic Institute with 73 points. Junior Curtis Wheeler won the mile with a time of 4:20.23, junior Adam Haggerty (Hermon) won the pole vault by clearing 13-9 and sophomore Jimmy Sawyer claimed

the 400-meter race with a time of 51.03. Senior Chris Hopkins (Worcester, MA) took second place in the 800 meters with his time of 2:00.01.

HUSKIES TAKE THIRD AT USM INVITATIONAL

1/27 – Sophomore Jimmy Sawyer scored a pair of wins to help the Huskies finish third among the seven schools competing at the USM Coed Invitational at the USM Field House in Gorham. Bates College won the competition with 223.50 points, while the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth barely edged USM by one-half point, 119 – 118.50. Rhode Island College finished out the top four with 96 points. Sawyer won the 400 meters with a time of 51.12 seconds and the 200 meters in 23.61 seconds. Adam Haggerty was the only other USM winner, taking the pole vault with a season-best 14-9.

Upcoming Games		
TUE. 6	Women’s basketball @ Plymouth State Men’s basketball @ Plymouth State	5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
FRI. 9	Men’s ice hockey @ Connecticut College Women’s ice hockey @ Holy Cross	4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
SAT. 10	Women’s basketball vs. RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE Women’s indoor track & field @ Little East Conference N.E. Alliance Championships @ Tufts University Men’s basketball vs. RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE Men’s ice hockey @ Tufts	1:00 p.m. TBA 3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.
SUN. 11	Women’s ice hockey vs. COLBY	3:00 p.m.
TUE. 13	Women’s basketball @ UMass Boston Men’s basketball @ UMass Boston	5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
THU. 15	Men’s basketball vs. HUSSON	7:00 p.m.
FRI. 16	Men’s indoor track & field @ New England Division III Championships @ Bates Women’s ice hockey @ Saint Anselm Men’s ice hockey vs. SAINT ANSELM	TBA 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
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TUE. 20	Women’s basketball Little East Conference Tournament Men’s basketball Little East Conference Tournament	TBA TBA
FRI. 23	Women’s indoor track & field - NEIcAAA New England Championships @ Boston University Women’s basketball Little East Conference Tournament Men’s basketball Little East Conference Tournament Men’s indoor track & field @ New England Open Championships @ Boston University	5:00 p.m. TBA TBA 5:00 p.m.
SAT. 24	Women’s indoor track & field – NEIcAAA New England Championships @ BU Women’s basketball Little East Conference Tournament Men’s basketball Little East Conference Tournament Men’s indoor track & field @ NE Open Championships @ Boston University Men’s ice hockey vs. ECAC East Quarterfinals	10:00 a.m. TBA TBA 10:00 a.m. TBA

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HUSKY HERO

What brought you to USM?

Track. George [Towle, Head Coach] contacted me, said he really wanted me to be a part of his program.

What’s your favorite part of USM athletic?

Definitely the people—the faculty, students, everyone is so helpful and supportive.

Do you have any other hobbies?

Not really, just track! Friends, school, track, that’s about it.

Any pre-jump rituals?

I keep to myself mostly, listen to music. I’m the one in the corner with her headphones.

Do you have a personal athletic hero?

Not really, to be honest. Coach keeps me up-to-date on which pole vault athletes to keep an eye on, but I don’t really look up to anyone in particular.

Who do you give thanks to?

Parents, teammates, and coaches of course, but mostly my parents, who come to pretty much every meet.



Hero:

Year:

Major:

Sport:

Events:

Melissa Bellemore
Senior
Psychology
Indoor track & field
High jump
55-meter hurdles
long jump

Photo & interview by Sarah Trent

SCOREBOARD

1/14 – The Huskies won three events and set one school record on their way to a fourth place finish at the Bowdoin College Invitational held at the Farley Fieldhouse in Brunswick, Maine.

1/20 – The Huskies placed fifth among nine schools competing in the Reggi Poyau Invitational meet held at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass.

1/27 – The Huskies placed third among seven schools competing at the USM Coed Invitational at the USM Field House.

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SPORTS

Huskies jump into action Women’s indoor track & field starting season strong

Ashley St. Michel

Sports Editor

Women’s indoor track and field head coach George Towle says his team is a “hidden gem at USM.”

The huskies have been the New England Alliance Champions for the last six consecutive years. Six of the athletes have already qualified for the 2007 New England Division III Championships.

Melissa Bellemore has proven her worth in the pole vault and hurdles. For the week of January 22-28 she was named the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division 3 Field Athlete of the Week for the second time this season and for the ninth time in her career. Bellemore won three events at the USM Coed Invitational last week to help the Huskies win the meet. Bellemore made her NCAA provisional qualifying mark in the pole vault, the long jump and the 55-meter hurdles. Other NCAA New England Division 3 qualifiers from USM are: Sarah Hale in the 55-meter dash, Amy Baczewski in the 55-meter hurdles, Emily Artesani in the 200 meters, Caitlin Handcock in the high jump, and Emily Poliquin in the long jump and the triple jump.

A top sprinter to the Huskies team, Hattie Landry, who joins Bellemore and two other girls to hold the captain’s positions, has collected All-LEC citations the past two seasons in the 55-meter hurdles and the 55-meter dash. Landry was named the LEC Track Athlete of the Week last season after earning 26 points at the state championship meet. Landry won the 55-meter dash and placed second in the 55-meter huddles and the 200 meters. Landry placed second in the 55-meter hurdles to help the Huskies claim victory at the USM Coed Invitational meet.

Junior captain Christa Hutchinson and senior Jennifer Oliver have also had their share of wins for the Huskies this season. Hutchinson was All-ECAC in the 500-meters and 4 x 800-meter relay, and All-LEC in the 600 meters and the triple jump during her debut season with the Huskies last year. Hutchinson transferred from Yale University. She won the LEC triple jump last winter. This season, Hutchinson took the 600 meters again at the USM Women’s Invitational. Oliver was decorated with her first indoor All-LEC honor last season in the 3,000 meters.

HUSKIES FINISH SECOND AT INVITATIONAL

1/14— Senior Melissa Bellemore and freshman Emily Artesani (Orono) were double winners as the Huskies finished second among the four schools competing in the USM Women’s Invitational. The Huskies finished with a score of 163, only 13 points behind the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Rounding out the rest of the field was Colby College in third with 122 points and Mount Holyoke College with 42 points. Bellemore took the pole vault by clearing 10-6 and won the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 9.47 seconds. She also took third in the triple jump with a length of 31-10 ¼. Artesani



PHOTO BY JASON JOHNS

Melissa Bellemore has vaulted into one of the most decorated women’s indoor track and field athletes this season.

SCOREBOARD

12/9— Bowdoin defeated Southern Maine, 76-46, winning eight of the 14 events hosted at the Farley Field House in Brunswick, Maine. It was the first indoor meet of the season for the Huskies.

1/14 – The Huskies finshed 13 points behind the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 176-163, to claim second place among the four schools competing in the USM Women’s Invitational at the USM Field House.

1/20 – The Huskies placed third among the 16 teams competing in the Tufts University Invitational held at the Gantcher Family Sports and Convocation Center in Medford, Mass.

1/27 – Melissa Bellemore won three events to lead the Huskies to a first place finish among eight competeing schools at the USM Coed Invitational.

Compiled by Ashley St. Michel

won the 200-meter race with a time of 28.06 seconds and the 400-meter race with a time of 1:03.46. Caitlin Handcock (Cumberland) also won for the Huskies in the high jump while sophomore Emily Poliquin (Lisbon Falls) took the triple jump with a measurement of 33-10 ¼. Junior Christa Hutchinson also helped out the Huskies when she took first in the 600-meter race with a time of 1:43.04

HUSKIES TAKE THIRD AT TUFTS

1/20 – The Huskies took third place among the 16 teams competing in the Tufts University Invitational. The Huskies had 75.5 points to finish third behind Tufts with 142 points and Bates with 94 points. Senior Melissa Bellemore was the only winner for the Huskies when she took the pole vault by clearing 10-10. Bellemore also took fifth place in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 9.53 seconds. Freshman Sarah Hale (Naples) finished second in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.62 seconds.

HUSKIES TAKE HOME THE GOLD

1/27 - Senior Melissa Bellemore won three events to lead the Huskies to a first place finish among the eight schools competing at the USM Coed Invitational. The Huskies lead the pack with 217.50 points, while Bates College finished in second with 148 points and the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth finished third with 87 points. Bellemore won the pole vault with an NCAA Division III provisional qualifying mark of 11-3, the long jump with a mark of 16-8 and the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 9.07 seconds. Caitlin Handcock took the event of high jump with a mark of 5-2 1/4 and Emily Poliquin took the triple jump.

Check out the women’s indoor track and field team this Saturday, February 10 as they compete in the Little East Conference/New England Alliance Championship at Tufts University in Medford, MA..

HUSKY Highlights

Women’s basketball HUSKIES SLIDE PAST EASTERN CONNECTICUT

1/27- Senior women’s basketball forward Ashley Marble (Topsfield, ME) scored the game-winning basket with eight seconds remaining and senior guard Lindsey Welch (Newport, ME) came up with the steal that ended the game, leading the Huskies to a 73-72 win over Little East Conference rival Eastern Connecticut State Warriors last Saturday. Marble notched her 10th consecutive double-double, with a game-high 28 points and 10 rebounds. Junior forward Angela Santa Fe (Derry, NH) added a career-high 17 points, and sophomore guard Stacy Kent (Northwood, NH) added nine points, four rebounds, two assists, two steals and a blocked shot. Welch finished the game with five points, two assists, two rebounds and one steal.

Men’s basketball SOUTHERN MAINE FALLS TO EASTERN CONNECTICUT

1/27 – Senior Eastern Connecticut guard Mike Parker scored 16 of his 23 game points in the second half to help push the Warriors to a 73-72 win over the Huskies in a Little East Conference game last Saturday. Parker put down a pair of free throws to help push the lead to a 73-69 advantage for the Warriors. Huskies junior guard Josh Daniels (Everett, WA) hit a three-pointer at the buzzer giving the Warriors a one-point win, 73-72. Freshman guard John Sewall (Bath, ME) added 12 points and four assists, while junior forward Nick Gooding (Concord, CA) ended the game with 10 points and nine rebounds.

Women’s ice hockey MANHATTANVILLE SNEAKS PAST SOUTHERN MAINE, 4-1

1/28 –Jena Danzig, a sophomore from Manhattanville College had one goal and two assists to lead the Valiants to a 4-1 victory over the Huskies. Freshman forward Jessica Knight (Alfred, ME) put the Huskies on the board with 15:32 remaining in the second period. The goal was Knights fifth of the season. Senior defenseman Jennifer Cordone (Fulton, NY) tallied the only assist for the Huskies. The loss was the Huskies second on the season, who fall to 6-11-1 overall and 4-9-0 in the league. Senior goalie Jen Arno (Westford, MA) ended the game with 15 saves.

Men’s ice hockey HUSKIES DESTROY COLBY, 7-2

1/27 - Freshman Pat Noonan (Burlington, MA) had two goals and two assists for the Huskies as the men’s ice hockey team pulled away in the third period for a 7-2 victory over the Colby College Mules in an ECAC East-NESCAC inter-league game last Saturday. Senior Chris Sparkes (St. John’s Newfoundland), sophomore Kyle Smith (Auburn, ME) and senior captain Mark Carragher (Charlottetown, PEI) scored the goals to start the third period for the Huskies. Carragher’s goal was the 59th of his career, tying him with Richard McSorley (1990-93) as the Huskies all-time goal-scoring leader. Senior David Beckles (Stamford, CT) stopped 28 shots for the Huskies.

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